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FROM ROCA

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1. SIECA SEC GEN MAYORGA HAS ARRANGED HLC MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 1-2 (VICE AUG.25) TO LAY OUT WORK SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1975. WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERTO SOLARZANO MAUUN AS GON DELEGATE (SEE REFTEL (C)) AND THE CONFIRMATION OF HUGP PINEDA AS GOES DELEGATE TO REPLACE LUIS BUITRAGO, SEC GEN HOPES FOR HLC TO COMPLETE WORK ON QTE POLITICALLY VIABLE UNQTE DRAFT TREATY BY END OF OCTOBER 1975 AND SUBMISSION OF HLC APPROVED DRAFT TO QUADRIPARTITE IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER.

2. BOTH SIECA SEC GEN AND GOG MINECON PALOMO EXPECT GUATEMALAN PROPOSAL (SEE REFTEL (B)) FOR SHAPING
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POLITICALLY VIABLE DRAFT TREATY WILL BE FOCAL POINT FOR

HLC DRAFT. PALOMO REPORTED THAT HIS SOUNDINGS OF KEY OFFICIALS IN OTHER CA GOVERNMENTS INDICATE SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GOG PROPOSAL, AND HE IS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT ACCEPTABLE TREATY FOR CREATING CA ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMUNITY WILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE CA GOVERNMENTS BEFORE THE END OF CY 1975.

3. GOG MINECON FURTHER ADVISED ROCAP DIRECTOR THAT GOG

NOW CONSIDERING NEW INITIATIVES TO SPEED UP HLC PROCESS, INCLUDING EARLY CONVOCATION OF QUADRIPARTITE TO SET DEADLINE AND GUIDELINES FOR HLC. MINECON BELIEVES GOG SHOULD EXERCISE LEADERSHIP IN RESTRUCTURING CA INTEGRATION MOVEMENT, INCLUDING EXPLORING POSSIBLE FORMULA FOR PERMITTING BOTH GOG AND GOES ADHESION TO NEW TREATY AND PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY.

4. SIECA SOURCES EXPRESS SATISFACTION WITH (A) GON APPOINTMENT OF SOLARZANO AS RESPECTED BUSINESSMAN WITH GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF CA INTEGRATION PROCESS, AND (B) GOES CONFIRMATION OF PINEDA, WHO HAS BEEN ALTERNATE TO BUITRAGO SINCE HLC CREATED.

5. COMMENT: WHILE THE HLC HAS NOW MOVED OFF OF DEAD CENTER, WHERE IT HAS BEEN SINCE JUNE, THE MOST POSITIVE SIGN ON THE CA INTEGRATION FRONT IS THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE GOG. RUMORS ABOUND IN SIECA AND

GUATEMALA THAT CONCERN INFLUENCED SOMOZA'S ACTION TO BREAK HLC LOG-JAM BY APPOINTING GON DELEGATE, AND CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF GOG EFFORTS TO MOVE CA INTEGRATION FORWARD WILL BE WATCHED CAREFULLY. NONETHELESS, THE HLC HAS A ROUGH ROAD TO GO BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER; RECONCILIATIONS BETWEEN THE SIECA DRAFT AND THE GUATEMALAN PROPOSAL WILL NOT COME EASILY BECAUSE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WILL NOW PREDOMINATE OVER TECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS STILL TOO EARLY FOR EVEN THE QTE CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM UNQTE EXPRESSED BY GOG MINECON PALOMO.

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